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Annotations and list of documents

Item 1
Organizational matters

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The election will take place on 9 January 2009. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2009 should be elected from the Board members of the Asia and the Pacific States group.

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda and agree on the work plan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board will also approve the report of its second regular session 2008. A draft report was distributed to Board members for their comments; the final report contains comments received by or before the deadline.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a work plan for 2009 was prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Board and is submitted to the Board for adoption.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan (DP/2009/L.1)

Report on the second regular session 2008 (DP/2009/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2008 (DP/2009/2)

Annual work plan for 2009 (DP/2009/CRP.1)

UNDP segment

Item 2
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The report on cost classification in UNDP is presented in response to Executive Board decision 2007/33 on proposals for programming arrangements for 2008-2011 and decision 2008/1 on the UNDP biennial support budget, 2008-2009. The document contains a conceptual framework to initiate discussions for arriving at a more transparent, results-oriented and coherent cost classification system in UNDP. The framework, based on Executive Board guidance, will eventually form an integral part of the biennial support budget, 2010-2011, and the mid-term review of the programming arrangements, 2008-2011. These two matters are scheduled for formal consideration by the Executive Board at its second regular session 2009.

Documentation:

Cost classification in UNDP (DP/2009/3)

Item 3
Country programmes and related matters

At the second regular session 2008, UNDP presented a 'road map' for the possible resumption of UNDP activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The proposed 'road map' envisaged consultations with all stakeholders resulting in a submission to the Board, at its first regular session 2009, of a package of measures and a country programme to facilitate the resumption of UNDP activities. The President of the Board recommended that UNDP proceed with the 'road map', and the Board decided to include the Democratic People's Republic of Korea under the country programmes agenda item in the tentative work plan for the session. In implementing the 'road map', UNDP is submitting for consideration by the Board a package of proposed measures for the resumprion of UNDP programmes in DPRK, including a request for UNDP to approve assistance to DPRK on a project-by-project basis until the end of 2010. The document outlines the programme interventions to be supported by UNDP, as well as a tentative agreement reached with DPRK on operational modalities that will be used – in particular in the areas of programme implementation, human resources and finance. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the resumption of the UNDP programme in DPRK.

As requested by the Executive Board in its decisions 2001/11 and 2006/36, the following country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board:

Africa region: Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mauratania, Niger, the Republic of the Congo;

Asia and the Pacific region: Timor-Leste;

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Haiti, Venezuela.

Documentation:

Proposed measures for the resumption of programme operations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DP/2009/8)

Item 7
United Nations Office for Project Services

The proposed UNOPS Financial Regulations and Rules are submitted in accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/35. The regulations and rules, to take effect on

1 February 2009, attempt to codify and reinforce a number of institutional imperatives, including: risk management; internal financial controls; separation of duties; and internal and external audit functions. They will enable UNOPS to operate on the basis of full cost recovery and generate a net surplus sufficient to maintain its operational reserves. The proposed Financial Regulations and Rules would permit the Executive Director, *inter alia*: to accept contributions to the UNOPS biennial administrative budget and projects; to make project payments in advance of receipt of project funds; and to redeploy funds within an approved biennial administrative budget, provided that the net revenue target established by the Executive Board remains unchanged. The regulations and rules also address the effective and efficient management of all UNOPS resources, including cash, inventories, property, plant and equipment. The Executive Board may wish to approve the UNOPS Financial Regulations and Rules and adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

The Board will also have before it a comprehensive package of post reclassifications to conform to United Nations job standards and to reflect the operational realities of UNOPS. The exercise responds to the need for a function- and talent-based post classification at UNOPS, and improvements are expected to help to mitigate high turnover costs, raise productivity and encourage appropriate inter-organization mobility. No approved changes are to take effect until financially feasible. Due to its fully self-financing status, UNOPS seeks no external funding to cover the cost of the proposed post upgrades. The Executive Board may wish to approve the proposed post reclassifications and the associated increase in the 2008-2009 biennial administrative budget.

Documentation:

UNOPS financial regulations and rules (DP/2009/4)
Report on comprehensive post classification at UNOPS and proposals with regard to the implementation of the recommendations (DP/2009/7)

Joint segment

Item 4
Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

Pursuant to decision 97/2, the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2006-2007 are submitted to the Executive Board at the current session.

The reports provide updated information on further actions taken to follow up on the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 (for UNDP: A/63/5/Add.1; for UNFPA: A/63/5/Add.7; and for UNOPS: A/63/5/Add.10).

Details of the audit recommendations pertaining to UNFPA and the status of their implementation are provided in a separate annex, which is available on the UNFPA Executive Board website.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2006-2007.

Documentation:

UNDP: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2006-2007 (DP/2009/5)

UNFPA: Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2006-2007: Status of implementation of recommendations (DP/FPA/2009/1)

UNOPS: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2006-2007 (DP/2009/6)

Item 5
Report to the Economic and Social Council

The Executive Board will have before it the joint report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to the Economic and Social Council. The joint report was prepared in compliance with General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The report includes a joint UNDP/UNFPA section that addresses the implementation of the reform programme of the Secretary-General and the provisions of the triennial comprehensive policy review, as well as the follow-up to international conferences and the Millennium Development Goals, followed by two sections that address the specific activities of each organization, respectively.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and transmit it, with its comments, to the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation:

Joint report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to the Economic and Social Council (E/2009/5)

UNFPA segment

Item 6
Country programmes and related matters

In accordance with decision 2006/36 of the Executive Board, the following country programmes, which were discussed earlier at the second regular session 2008, will be approved on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board:

Africa: Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, and Mauritania

Asia and the Pacific: Timor-Leste

Latin America and the Caribbean: Haiti and Venezuela

Item 8
Other matters

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (23 and 26 January 2009)

Themes:

(a) Population growth and rapid urbanization: food insecurity on the rise in urban settings

(b) Unstable food prices and linkage with food and nutrition security

(c) Harmonization of business practices amongst the United Nations funds and programmes, as outlined in the triennial comprehensive policy review

TENTATIVE WORK PLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2009
(19 to 26 January 2008, New York)

Day/Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Monday, 19 January	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session • Adoption of the report on the second regular session 2008 • Adoption of the annual work plan 2009 of the Executive Board **UNDP SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Report on cost classification (decision 2008/1)
	3 - 5 p.m.	2	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
		3	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Approval of country programme documents • The Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	5 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Tuesday, 20 January	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.		**UNFPA SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	3 - 5 p.m.	6	STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (cont'd) COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Approval of country programme documents
	4 - 5 p.m.		*Oral briefing on development of UNFPA evaluation policy*
	5 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 21 January	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	7	**UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)** UNOPS • UNOPS financial regulations and rules • Report on comprehensive post classification at UNOPS and proposals with regard to the implementation of the recommendations • Briefing on UNOPS activities in the field **JOINT SEGMENT**
		4	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS • Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2006-2007
	3 - 5 p.m.	5	**JOINT SEGMENT** REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL • Joint report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to the Economic and Social Council
	5-- 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*

Day/Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Thursday, 22 January	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	8	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the tentative work plan for the annual session 2009
	3 - 6 p.m.		
Friday, 23 January; Monday, 26 January			JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP